

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 55 (canceled)

Claim 56 (previously presented): A cDNA-RNA hybrid comprising a first strand cDNA synthesis hybridised to RNA wherein the cDNA comprises from the 5' end, an amplifier sequence, 3' to which is an RNA polymerase promoter operably linked to an RNA annealing region, and wherein at least one non-templated nucleotide at the 3' end of the first strand cDNA is hybridised to a template switching oligonucleotide, and wherein the amplifier sequence and the template switching oligonucleotide contain the same sequence.

Claim 57 (previously presented): A cDNA-RNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein the RNA polymerase promoter is a bacteriophage promoter selected from the group consisting of T7, T3 and SP6.

Claim 58 (previously presented): A cDNA-RNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein the RNA annealing region comprises poly (dT) of about 10 to about 30 T residues in length.

Claim 59 (previously presented): A cDNA-RNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein the 3' end of the RNA annealing region comprises a VN clamp, wherein V is A, G or C and N is A, G, C or T.

Claim 60 (previously presented): A cDNA-mRNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein at least one non-templated nucleotide at the 3' end of the first strand cDNA synthesis is deoxycytidine.

Claim 61 (previously presented): A cDNA-mRNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein at least three non-templated nucleotides at the 3' end of the first strand cDNA synthesis are hybridised to a template switching oligonucleotide.

Claim 62 (previously presented): A cDNA-mRNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein at least three of the non-templated nucleotides at the 3' end of the first strand cDNA synthesis are deoxycytidine nucleotides.

Claim 63 (previously presented): A cDNA-mRNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein the template switching oligonucleotide has at least three guanine residues at its 3' end.

Claim 64 (previously presented): A cDNA-mRNA hybrid according to claim 56 further comprising an amplification primer and wherein, the amplification primer contains the same sequence as the amplifier sequence and the template switching oligonucleotide.

Claim 65 (previously presented): A cDNA-mRNA hybrid according to claim 56 wherein the 3' end of the first strand cDNA synthesis is extended such that it is substantially complementary to the template switching oligonucleotide.

Claim 66 (previously presented): A cDNA-mRNA hybrid according to claim 65 wherein the first strand cDNA synthesis is synthesised by a reverse transcriptase, and wherein the reverse transcriptase lacks RNaseH activity but retains wild-type polymerase activity.

Claims 67-87 (canceled)